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"MISS CHICAGO" ARYAN GROTTA

PROPHETS, ROCK ISLAND GREET YOU!

MRS. LEN SMALL DIES IN HOME AT KANKAKEE, A VICTIM OF APOPLEXY

Was Stricken Saturday Night While Friends Were
Crowded Around House Celebrating Gov-
ernor's Acquittal.

Kankakee, Ill., June 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mrs. Len Small, wife of Governor Small of Illinois, died at 8 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Small was stricken with apoplexy Saturday night during the excitement incident to the celebration of friends and fellow townsmen of the governor as a result of his acquittal that afternoon at Waukegan. With her at the time of her death was the governor and their three children, Leslie and Budd Small, and Mrs. A. E. Ingles, all of Kankakee.

Strain Was Too Great.

The long trial of nine weeks at Waukegan, where the governor was charged with conspiracy to defraud the state of interest on state funds during his term as state treasurer, several years ago, had been a heavy strain both on the governor and his wife. Mrs. Small, however, had borne up under the strain exceedingly well, but it appeared, until she was stricken and sank into the governor's arms as the noise of the celebrators filled the neighborhood about their home.

Physicians who attended Mrs. Small at the time offered no hope for her recovery and throughout Sunday and last night she lay in a state of coma as the governor and their sons and daughter watched by the bedside. The governor refused to leave her.

60 Years Old.

Mrs. Small was born Dec. 17, 1861, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore of Kankakee county, and had lived virtually all her life in this county. Her parents were prominent farmers and she grew to womanhood amid farming surroundings, as did the governor. Their interests throughout their lives have been closely bound to agriculture, and the governor long has maintained large farms and been interested in agricultural and livestock work in addition to his interests as a banker and in politics.

Mrs. Small and the governor were married Nov. 21, 1883, and spent all of their married life except for their official residence at Springfield since the governor was elected chief state executive, in Kankakee. Their children also reside here, where Leslie Small is owner of the Kankakee Republican.

Leaves 3 Children.

Besides the governor and the two

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**POLITICS SLEW
MRS. LEN SMALL,
ETTELSON SAYS**

Chicago, June 26.—The charges made against Governor Len Small and of which he was acquitted Saturday led to Mrs. Small's death, Samuel A. Ettelson, corporation counsel of Chicago, declared today when informed of the demise of the governor's wife. Mr. Ettelson, who, with Mayor Thompson of Chicago, had been a close friend and political supporter of the governor, declared that politics was behind the prosecution of the governor and that politics therefore was responsible for Mrs. Small's death.

DEATH ENDS JOY



MRS. LEN SMALL

TWO BREAK JAIL AT DIXON, ILL.

Officials Believe Men Received Outside Aid; Find Nippers and Hack Saws in Cell.

Dixon, Ill., June 26.—Officials of northern Illinois are today searching for James Howard of St. Louis, Mo., and Robert England, of Grand Detour, who escaped from the Lee county jail Saturday night. Both men were awaiting action of the grand jury on charges of stealing automobiles. Lee county authorities believe the men received help from the outside. Wire nippers and pieces of hack saws found in the cell room gave foundation to the theory.

STEAL WHISKY AT PEORIA.

Peoria, Ill., June 26.—Thieves stole \$10,000 worth of whisky at the American Distillery at Peoria, escaping in boats with the liquor.

LABOR BOARD FINDING WON'T AVERT STRIKE

Ruling on 'Farming
Out' Work of No
Avail.

BULLETIN.

Chicago, June 26.—A strike vote is being taken by the railway signalmen on approximately one-third of the railroads of the country, according to an announcement today by D. W. Helt, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Signalmen. The vote is being taken under the supervision of the system general committee, all of whom have rejected the wage cut set for July 1.

Chicago, June 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Saturday's decisions by the United States railroad labor board holding several roads in violation of the transportation act by farming out work to contractors, and pending opinions in 30 more cases which were posted for hearing today, are expected to have little influence on union leaders towards averting the threatened rail strike next month.

The board indicated that it would follow the same general principles in future decisions on contract cases.

Announce Vote Wednesday.

B. M. Jewell, head of the railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor, in charge of the canvass of the shopmen's strike vote, said the results of the referendum probably would not be announced until Wednesday. However, statements by various union leaders that the ballots indicate an overwhelming sentiment favoring a strike, and announcements by union chiefs last week that they will be governed by the result of the referendum, made a suspension of work appear inevitable.

Wage Slash Is Crux.

Hope of averting a strike faded with statements by John Scott, secretary of the railway employees' department, that the board's ruling in the contract cases will put no check on a strike call. Piece work and the farming out system were made one of the issues in the shopmen's referendum, the others being the wage cuts effective July 1, and rules by the board governing overtime and other working conditions.

The issue on which maintenance of way employees cast their strike ballots was the \$60,000,000 wage slash they received.

Mr. Jewell called a meeting of the shop crafts policy committee tonight as a preliminary war council over the proposed strike.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy and unsettled this afternoon and tonight, with showers probable tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy. Warmer.

Highest temperature yesterday, 76; lowest last night, 54.

Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 9 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none.

12 m. 7 p. m. 7 a. m. yesterday, yesterday, today.

Dry bulb temp. 72 72 56

Wet bulb temp. 60 60 51

Relative humid. 60 60 71

River stage at 7 a. m., 4.5, a fall of .2 last 24 hours.

Sunset today 7:42 p. m.; sunrise tomorrow 4:29 a. m.

The Mississippi river from below Dubuque to Muscatine will change but little during the next two days.

ANDREW HAMRICK,
Meteorologist.

HERRIN VICTIMS SLAIN BY 'UNKNOWN PERSONS', CORONER'S JURY FINDS

16 Bodies Buried but Souls
Not 'Committed to
God'.

BULLETIN.

Herrin, Ill., June 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Investigators for state officials, seeking to fix the responsibility for the rioting which cost at least 21 lives at the Lester strip mine last week, learned today from Sheriff Melvin Thaxton that neither he nor his deputies took any steps to prevent the massacre.

Herrin, Ill., June 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Williamson county buried the dead in her latest mine war yesterday, conducted an inquest to determine the cause of their death, and today faced the responsibility of bringing the guilty to justice.

With not a single arrest made since the massacre of last Thursday, when at least 19 men were killed after strike sympathizers stormed the Lester mine, and with county officials making no visible effort to place the blame, the investigating is being done by state and federal agencies.

Representatives of the department of justice, department of labor, the state's attorney-general's office, and the adjutant-general are quietly delving into the cloak of secrecy which so far has surrounded the identity of the 5,000 men who marched from Herrin in daylight, took more than fifty unarmed prisoners, marched them back down the road into a wood and there killed nineteen and wounded nearly as many more.

McDowell Killed Miner.

Yesterday six men of Williamson county—three miners, a merchant, an electrician and the superintendent of the Herrin waterworks—were solemnly inquested, listened to the evidence of witnesses called by Coroner William McDowell and returned their verdict. They found, and so recorded, that C. K. McDowell, murdered superintendent of the Lester mine, killed a union miner on Wednesday, the day before the massacre.

Of the other dead, nineteen in all, including two other strikers, the jury found they came to their death by gunshot wounds, inflicted by unknown persons.

Yesterday morning sixteen unknown dead, all non-union workers and guards at the Lester mine, were buried by the county in potter's field. On a bleak hillside, beneath a brooding sun, union miners, led by State Senator William J. Sneed, dug sixteen shallow graves—four rows of four each.

The bodies of the massacre victims in plain black caskets, were placed side by side on the parched grass. Four Protestant ministers of Herrin, a Methodist, a Baptist, a Presbyterian and a Christian, conducted the brief burial service while a hundred overall-clad miners and a dozen newspaper correspondents

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DR. SUN CAPTURED.

Perking, June 26.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, southern leader, who was reported, was reported as being detained aboard a gunboat at Canton with his navy and the provincial assembly aligned against him and General Chen Chung-Ming's troops in full control of the city.

LEWIS CONFERS WITH HARDING ON MINE STRIKE

Government Plans
Meet to End Coal
Tieup.

Washington, June 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, who arrived in Washington yesterday for a series of conferences with government officials, will confer with Secretary of Labor Davis at 11 o'clock and later, accompanied by Mr. Davis, will go to the White house to discuss the coal strike matters with President Harding.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

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Washington, D. C., June 26.—The United States government is preparing to summon coal operators and miners into conference in the national capital and bring the full force of public opinion into play in an effort to settle the coal strike.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, has informed the government that he and his associates gladly will attend a conference with operators from the central competitive field, which comprises Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania, or with operators from any group of coal districts producing an equivalent amount of tonnage.

The coal operators' views are not yet disclosed, for the reason that the formal invitation has not yet been sent, but the objection raised by the operators heretofore has been that Judge Anderson might hale them into his federal court on contempt charges, in connection with pending indictments growing out of past conferences at which wage scales were fixed.

Attorney General Daugherty has assured the operators that the government will not indict the coal operators and will not view the suggested wage conferences as a violation of the existing statutes on restraint of trade. But the operators declare they had a similar assurance once from another attorney general, A. Mitchell Palmer, but the federal court at Indianapolis gathered that in just the same.

To overcome this objection, the government authorities here are preparing to summon the conference under circumstances different from any that have preceded. The forthcoming conference would be called by the federal government itself as an act of public emergency. No federal court would be likely to prosecute private citizens who obeyed a mandate from another branch of the government itself. Then the conferences themselves would be held in the presence of officers of the federal government.

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MEX KIDNAP YANK.

Mexico City, June 26.—A. Bruce Bielask, former chief of the investigation bureau of the American department of justice, was reported kidnapped and held for ransom.

PARALYZED AFTER RIVER ACCIDENT



PHILIP B. WEBER.

Diving from a launch into two feet of water near Andalusia yesterday, Mr. Weber fractured a vertebra of his neck. The accident has left him paralyzed from the shoulders and his recovery is doubtful.

MINERS QUIET IN CARBONDALE

Sheriff Wires Coal Operators He
Knows of No Outbreaks Being
Threatened.

Carbonale, Ill., June 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Sheriff Gibson of Jackson county today announced he had advised coal operators' associations in Illinois that he had advised coal operators' associations in Illinois that he had not been advised of any threatened outbreaks in this county. His telegram was in reply to one from the operators saying they had learned the lives of their employees, protecting the idle mines, had been threatened.

President Grets Prophets Through The Argus

Washington, June 26.—Editor Argus, Rock Island, Ill.: Permit me, through The Argus, to extend heartiest greetings to the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm on the occasion of the opening of their 33rd annual convention. I know the rare privileges of comradery and fellowship attending such a gathering, and my only regret is that pressure of official business here prevents my being with you during your joyous assemblage.

Fraternally,
WARREN G. HARDING.

5,000 GUESTS ARRIVE IN EARLY GROUPS; REVEL OF CARNIVAL UNDER WAY

Grotto Units From All Over Country Swarm Into
Tri-Cities; Wardwell and Grand Officers Are
On the Scene.

Only the skies were downcast today as Rock Island threw open its gates and arms to hordes of incoming Prophets from every grotto within the Enchanted Realm.

Picturesque in their fantastic garb, assembled back of proud-stepping band masters, swinging along to the whistle-blast commands of patrol-leaders, Prophets paraded up and down Rock Island streets all day. Every hour brought in larger delegations, more bands, more drill teams and more fun. At noon carnival was in

full swing and it gathered speed as the day swept along.

The light shower last night which threatened to develop into a down-pour, did not materialize. Darkened skies, however, supported the weather man's warning of showers tonight. A cool wave broke last week's torrid spell and fixed pleasant temperature for the outdoor festivities.

Rock Island has donned Persian orange and blue of the grotto hosts, and the decorations in the loop district and on the city residences are symbolic of the welcome extended by every Islander to the guests of honor.

The bezzed multitudes which throng the streets of a city of which they are absolute owners, represent that element in the Masonic order which loves to play once in a while and the national gatherings are marked by happy little excursions into pleasure land.

Conferring no Masonic degrees these men in fezzes are all Master Masons and some of them have taken every degree that Masonry can bestow.

But it is as Veiled Prophets that they are in Rock Island where they will begin the formal sessions of their Supreme Council in the Rock Island Masonic temple, 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Originating among the members of Hamilton lodge, No. 120, Masons, Hamilton, New York, in 1889, the order according to last official reports numbers 12,975.

AUTO HITS CAR; THREE KILLED

Machine Speeding 60 Miles an Hour
Knocks Street Car in Chicago
From Tracks.

Chicago, June 26.—A man and a woman were instantly killed and another man fatally injured when an automobile, tearing down Michigan boulevard at a speed of 60 miles an hour, crashed into a street car early today. The street car was knocked from the tracks and several passengers on it were cut by glass from shattered windows.

The automobile, a pugilist, and a girl, known only as "Zola", were killed instantly. Thomas Owens, 40, died in a hospital. The other occupants of the auto, William Dier and George King, the driver, were badly injured.

The automobile, a low-built machine, struck the street car amid-ship and drove under, lifting it from the tracks.

FIVE DIE IN MINE.

Hartford, Ark., June 26.—Five members of a picnic party were suffocated by black damp in an abandoned mine.

LIVING TO BE 111 IS NOT SO BAD AS ONE MIGHT THINK

Villa Platte, La., June 26.—August Johnson, hale and hearty at the age of 111 years, married four times, father of 23 children, and grandfather of grandchildren and hundreds of great-grandchildren, probably is the most remarkable man in Louisiana in many respects.

He was born a few miles southeast of the present town of Villa Platte on April 7, 1811.

Mr. Johnson's oldest child is 92, and his youngest 22 years of age. His last marriage was at the age of 70 to a wife 51 years his junior. He is sound in body, clear in mind, enjoying the best of health and wide fair to live for some years to come.

Mr. Johnson was too old for service in the Civil war, but did his best by serving in the home